

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 5-10, 12, 14-19, 21, 23-28, 30, and 32-36 remain in the application and claims 1, 10, 19, and 28 have been amended hereby.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 1, 3, 5-10, 12, 14-19, 21, 23-28, 30, and 32-36 under 35 USC 103(a), as being unpatentable over Ota in view of Kaye et al. and Pulley, IV et al.

Features of the information processing apparatus and method according to the present invention are to control a sequential time series display of thumbnail icons above a changing three-dimensional (3D) map so that a user is able to retrace/recall a trip while watching and steering on a 3D map, landscape and associated pictures taken during the past trip floating above the 3D map. These features are useful in a flight simulator including a 3D map and thumb-nail pictures floating in the air above the 3D map, for example. See page 39 and 43 of the present application, for example.

Independent claims 1, 10, 19, and 28 have been amended to recite these features of the present invention.

It is respectfully submitted that the combination of Ota, Kaye et al., and Pulley, IV et al. fails to show or suggest a sequential time series display of thumbnail icons displayed above a changing

3D map.

The thumbnail location markers of Ota, shown in Fig. 10, are clearly placed on a 2D map and Kaye et al. is merely teaching how to create 3D contours from 2D images. Pulley, IV et al. relates to a system for viewing financial information as a 3D data landscape and not to thumbnail pictures floating above a 3D topographical map such as in the presently claimed invention.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent claims 1, 10, 19, and 28, and the claims depending therefrom, are patentably distinct over Ota in view of Kaye et al. and Pulley, IV et al.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

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